

THE MUNCIE STAR LINES UP WITH KLAN

Kamelia Kuties
Kollet The Koin

And Fight Over the Division of the Spoils - -
One is Out of Jail on Bond, Charged With
Embezzling More Than Her Share---
Another Disappears With \$6,000.

"ZANESVILLE'S"

Krazy - Kluckers - Krucified

Slim Nowell—Repairs your auto—Does he ? ?
Mabel Kissinger—A regular she devil and a sheakas.
Harry Stenger—Better known as "Gas House Harry."
Mrs. Lowell McGruder—Another one of those who knows it all ? ?
Fred Risen—And this bird was in the Army with the Catholic-Jew and Nigger—Said he had to pay 10 berries to find out what the Konstitution was like—"WOW"
Richard Kimble—Works at the Malleable Iron Works. I'll bet he's hard ? ?
Bill Blanchard—Known as "Big Bill"—Runs a shoe shop on Market street. When we look at Bill we think of a "Big Ham."
Mont Hiles—Glass blower at Kerns and Gosage glass house. Does more blowing to the big wind than he does for the Kompany.

Zanesville, O., Aug. 8.—More Klan Korruption came to light the past week. Grace Van Allen, she of the peacock raiment, who has been acting as secretary of the she-kluckers, turned over \$6,000 of the koin she had grafted from the Zanesville boobs, to her successor, who at once became hard to find, together with the \$6,000.

How long will it take the Zanesville boobs to find out that they are simply acting as bankers for a lot of sheet-ed swindlers?

Zanesville, O., Aug. 8.—This week I am giving the people of Zanesville the final installment of Attorney Thompson's letter to Mrs. Josephine Shinn.

That Thompson had a high opinion of Mrs. Shinn's ability as a "koin collector" is plainly evident all through the letter. You will note that he proposes that Mrs. Shinn shall act as head of the state board to control the organization.

Thompson says he hopes to have a big second degree initiation in Newark on July 4. No doubt this would have been carried out had Mrs. Shinn been willing to delay second fiddle financially. That was the monkey wrench in the machinery. When she refused to be satisfied with less than the lion's share, the bubble burst, and Shinn was arrested, charged with embezzlement, and bound over to common pleas court in Newark.

Now, women of Zanesville, this is the organization that has been milking you of money that is, in many cases, badly-needed at home. Thompson's letter fairly reeks with graft suggestions. And worst of all, note his reference to the ballot box and his thinly veiled allusion to what can be accomplished at the ballot box, the overthrow of the existing government, and the establishment of a klan substitute. While klansmen deny this, their record in Texas, Indiana and Oklahoma, gives them the lie direct.

What happened at the Republican and Democratic national convention is merely a starter. The one thing to do in Zanesville is to stamp out this pestilential organization now.

"It is my idea at this time to have a board elected by all of the women, as fast as they accept the constitution, to act and sit in advisory capacity to steer and manipulate the ship until such a time as it is grown, and that a cabinet can be formed, and all of the different ideas that we have discussed put into effect.

"It is my idea that this board should be composed of you, of course, as the head; and then the southern part of the state should be represented, and Lima should be represented by Mrs. K; and, of course, Mrs. Bates and McVicker, here.

It is my desire that everything be done in an open, above-board manner; that even the Kleagles in the field, as soon as their body is organized, (Continued to Page Two)

ANDERSON KOOS
PROVES BRYAN'S
THEORY IS WRONG

Jungle Freaks, Both Republican and Democrats, Herd Together.

(By KIGY KOTOP.)

Anderson, Ind., Aug. 8.—The klan had a meeting last Friday night in the old fair grounds across the river in Park Place. There was the usual crowd—the same old gang of "Are you there?" boys. We certainly enjoyed the Kotop Komice.

The parade of "thousands" dwindled down to less than five hundred. Some few from out of town had their ugly faces uncovered. We do not know just what prominent part was played by Carl Morrow, who expects to be elected judge on the republican ticket two years hence, but of course he had some sort of a hand in the demonstration.

There are some who insist that a lawyer should really be elected judge. Carl manages fairly well in police and justice courts, where legal learning is not so particularly essential, but his qualifications hardly fit him for the circuit bench.

Among those present were Earl Sells, republican candidate for coronor, and Earl Morris, candidate on the same ticket for the fourth time, for county treasurer.

Archibald Doyle, democratic candidate for surveyor, no doubt was not far away. Archie could not hold down the job if he had to pass an examination. The legislature passed a law a few years ago providing a rigid examination for civil engineers, but exempted those who were working at it when the law was passed. That's how Arch got by.

It will always remain a mystery how John Pinhead Sigler got by for commissioner two years ago, but "It ain't gonna rain no mo." for John and Archie.

Sorry I didn't get up to the meeting the other night but will give my observations from the sidelines this time. Bryan is wrong about evolution. If you doubt this, join the klan, (Continued to Page Two)

THE BEGINNING
OF THE END

The editor of the Post-Democrat has recently visited many cities in Indiana and Ohio and consulting with men and women in all walks of life has made the gratifying discovery that the power of the Ku Klux Klan is waning.

A year ago the klan was at its zenith in Indiana. In Ohio it had just gained a powerful foothold by winning the municipal elections in many of the principal cities and villages of the state.

Weak kneed politicians, conceived the klan to be a permanent force in politics, hitched their wagon to the fiery cross and now they stand to reap the reward of weakness.

In Indiana we have the spectacle of a republican candidate for governor who owes his nomination wholly to the klan. Jackson put all his eggs in the klan basket and now the approaching disintegration of the invisible empire presided over by the painless Texas dentist, has destroyed even the remote possibility of his election.

Indiana people may go crazy occasionally, but they do not stay that way very long. And Ohio, one of the best states in the union, where the klan did not gain a foothold until after it had been running full blast in Indiana for a year, is fast regaining her senses and we believe that the Buckeye state will regain much of its "lost manhood" in the primaries Tuesday.

Down in Texas the klan is breaking up and in the "run off" primary to be held August 23, between Judge Felix Robertson, klan candidate, and Mary Ferguson, anti-klan, the prospects are favorable for the election of the latter.

As this is written the results are in doubt in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, where primaries were held Tuesday which hinged largely on the klan. When this is read the Oklahoma result will be known, but on Wednesday, with incomplete returns in, Former Governor Jack Walton was running neck and neck for United States senator with his klansman opponent.

The klan may win a few inconsequential victories in the primaries and in the election next fall, but in next year's municipal election no klansman need apply.

Selfish, cold blooded politicians who thought they were tying up with a good thing have begun to see their mistake and the mistake is one that is destined to keep them forever after from the pie counter.

The statement that the klan destroys all it touches holds good with the politicians who fall for the program of hate. They will be remembered and kicked as long as they live by those who have been oppressed and persecuted by the Ku Klux Klan.

KLAN IS UNDER FIRE
BY FORMER OFFICIAL

Criticises 'Mercenary' Methods of the Organization—Revolt Seen in Mich.

Saginaw, Mich., July 29.—An attack on the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan was made by D. C. Stevenson of Indianapolis, former head of the klan extension department, in an address before an open meeting here Monday night.

Mr. Stevenson criticized what he termed the mercenary formula that permits officials of the klan organization to receive \$4 of each \$10 initiation fee. He censured Imperial Wizard Evans and other national officials claiming that "some of them are in collusion with those the klan is supposed to be fighting." While in sympathy with the principles of the organization he said he is opposed to the present leadership.

It was claimed that the meeting was held as the beginning of a movement by dissatisfied klan members to break away and form a new organization.

These figures are wrong. Palace got \$2.00, where did the other \$8.00 go? Steve had charge of Ohio. Sour grapes.

The state of Sao Paulo, which covers one-thirty-second part of Brazil, contains one-eighth of that country's population.

Milton Elrod Sued
By D. C. Stephenson

Notorious Klan Road House Still In Operation, Where Is Prosecutor Ashcraft?

Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—Milton Elrod, former editor of the Fiery Cross, Ku Klux Klan paper, was sued for \$4,860.50 and interest from October 24, 1923, by D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the klan in Indiana, and known as the "old man," in the Marion circuit court here today. In a bill of particulars it was set out that the money was expended for medical attendance, furniture, hotel, clothing and other bills. Elrod had not been located this afternoon.

DECATUR FIERY
CROSS NEWSBOY
STEALS \$10 BILL

Absorption of Klan Ideas Corrupts and Ruins Youths of Land.

Decatur, Ind., Aug. 8.—Otis Baker, the young lad who sells the Fiery Cross in Decatur, was recently apprehended in the theft of a twenty-dollar bill from E. E. Zimmerman, the coal dealer.

The youth was looting in the office and saw a clerk receive the money and (Continued to Page Four)

BOMBS DON'T
DAUNT PASTOR

Hurling of Death Missile at His Home in N. Judson, Ind. No Terror to the Rev. Mr. Vanrie.

North Judson, Ind., Aug. 8.—The bomb thrown at the home of the Rev. August C. Vanrie Wednesday night, was the answer to his continuous plea for harmony among all sects and religions in the little city of North Judson, with 1,600 inhabitants.

The Rev. Mr. Vanrie is pastor of St. Cyril Methodius Catholic church. The blast caused about \$2,000 damage to the house and severe injuries to Miss Mary McMeal, his housekeeper. Father Vanrie escaped injury.

The bomb throwers waited until shortly after midnight, when the electric lights of the town were turned off, and hurled the missile through the glass-enclosed porch at the front entrance of the priest's home.

Miss McMeal, who occupied a sleeping room on the ground floor of the house, was frightened at the sound of crashing glass and ran to the front porch. Father Vanrie, who sleeps in a room on the second floor, also leaped from his bed and rushed down the stairs. He found Miss McMeal on the floor, unconscious.

Blast Heard for Miles.
Dr. Albert Fisher was called and attended Miss McMeal. While her injuries are serious, it is said by the physician she will recover.

The explosion was heard several (Continued to Page Four)

Guthrie Conspires
With Bob Parkinson

Shaffer's Bootlicker Gives Employment To Editor In Order To Keep Klan Rag Alive; Republican Machine Also Party To Dirty Scheme.

Harry Guthrie, bootlicker for John C. Shaffer, owner of the Muncie Star, is the latest addition to the conspiracy to keep Bob Parkinson's Ku Klux sheet alive.

Parkinson was given employment last week in the advertising department of the Star at a salary of forty dollars a week. Parkinson's feeble rag was about to go bump so the klan hustled around and got him the job on the Star, hoping that the salary, plus the legal advertising given his so-called "democratic" sheet by Ku Klux officials, would keep the thing alive.

1-HORSE ANSONIA,
O., EDITOR ELECTED
TO ANANIAS CLUB

Lost P. O. Job for Slandering Pres. Harding, But Makes a Good Klucker.

Ansonia, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Like the farmer, whose education and vocabulary were painfully restricted, and wanting to make excuses for the stench from his hog lot, remarked, "Ain't nature grand?" so Emil Smith, associate editor (whatever that is) of the Ansonia, (O.) Ansonian, lost his job as rural mail carrier for using unprintable language in commenting on a picture of the late President Harding, which adorned the wall of the Ansonia postoffice.

Having thus qualified himself as a one hundred percent American, Smith naturally became a klan leader in his vicinity, together with one Feltnan, the head pilot of the Ansonian.

With the usual klan tendency toward multiplication, the Ansonian recently smeared the first page with a story of a stupendous klan meeting, attended by ten thousand "klansmen and sympathizers." The way the Ansonian Agonizer multiplied hundreds into thousands make the parable of the loaves and fishes appear much more reasonable, but a few added ciphers mean nothing in the young life of a klan press agent.

And then, when the parade of ten thousand was over, a crowd of 2,500 assembled in a tent with a capacity of 450 and listened to the Kant Keep Kwiet Greenville band, led by Ora Ganger, and a speech by some out of town paranoiac who warned the good citizens that the Pope was about to foreclose a mortgage on the Greenville court house and burn up all the little red school houses.

The Ansonian has only been running a few months, its editor having located here after lingering at Ohio State University long enough to distinguish the difference between beans and buncombe, and acquiring sufficient knowledge of the multiplication table to qualify him as a real for sure Ku Klux Kidder.

Feltnan has made the mistake that has been the undoing of many obscure country editors who thought the klan was here to stay. Unless the Ansonian finally repents and tells the real truth about the klan, the good people of that vicinity will eventually have to get their news over the back fence, for no newspaper can exist that sticks with the Ku Klux Klan.

Married Women Lose Jobs
as Germany Retrenches

Berlin.—Twenty-five per cent of the federal employees of Germany have been "laid off" since April 1, in accordance with the economy program embarked upon by the government. Previous to that date the civil service pay roll showed 823,955 officials, 60,747 office employees and 705,512 manual workers.

The government estimates that this reduction means an annual saving of 15 per cent of the federal budget. The people hardest hit by the retrenchment order were married women. Practically all married women whose husbands have jobs were given notice of termination of employment.

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Parkinson was employed by the Press when the Klan conceived the idea of starting a newspaper that would take legal advertising away from the Post-Democrat, but George Lockwood fired him at once, not wishing to be placed in the position of helping finance a conspiracy aimed at all persons in Muncie who oppose the Klan.

The Star has now definitely aligned itself with the klan by taking Parkinson in its employ. Guthrie stated, before Parkinson took the job, that the latter could not work for the Star and at the same time conduct another newspaper venture.

That his word is worthless is evidenced by the fact that Parkinson's sheet appeared as usual last Saturday, after he had been working six days for the Star.

The Post-Democrat is now going to find out whether or not the Jewish, Catholic and other Muncie merchants opposed to the klan are going to allow themselves to be pestered by a Star advertising solicitor who is also the agent of the klan in its despicable conspiracy to destroy the Post-Democrat.

The law gives all public advertising to two newspapers of opposite politics. The Post-Democrat was the only democratic newspaper in Delaware county. It fought the klan and the klan conceived the idea of starting another "democratic" newspaper to take this legal advertising away from the Post-Democrat.

The "democrats" who backed this venture were Orion Norcross, former klan klesgale, Councilman Frank Barclay, ex-cyclops, Sheriff Harry Hoffman, City Commissioner John Hampton, Jury Clerk Maynel Dalby and Cooper Props, a one hundred percent, whose wife left him and got a divorce because of his rottenness and utter depravity.

The republican machine, conspiring with the klan, did everything in its power to force public officials to throw their legal advertising to the klan spite sheet, and were partially successful, but not enough so to make the venture come anywhere near paying expenses.

The miserable thing has been gasping for breath for some time and just as the coroner was about to be called in to sit on the remains, Guthrie came to the rescue and gave Parkinson the advertising job.

It is said that the gang is now hustling around trying to find some one to assume responsibility for the publication of the sheet, in order that Guthrie may assure the Star's Jewish and Catholic advertisers that Parkinson is no longer connected with it. This sort of an alibi will fool no one but Guthrie himself. No one would buy the thing on a bet, for it is a dead loser.

The paper has absolutely no circulation and is entirely devoid of income, with the exception of such legal advertising as it is enabled to take away from the Post-Democrat, the amount received therefrom, taken from the taxpayers under the false pretense of being a democratic newspaper of general circulation, being probably half enough to pay the printer's bill each week.

The klux gang that started the thing, using Parkinson as a tool, have discovered to their sorrow that the Post-Democrat cannot be run out. It has a way of fighting back that is disconcerting. It has thrived on persecution, prosecution and boycott.

The plan to remove the Post-Democrat (Continued to Page Two)

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BOARD OF SAFETY ACTS.

The board of safety Tuesday night fired Detective Ervin Berg for beating up a negro employe of Bob Graves, proprietor of a notorious gambling house and booze dispensary which has enjoyed protection from the present city and county administration for the past two years and a half.

The negro who was struck by Berg testified that Chief Benbow participated in a conference with Graves, Berg and himself and that Graves and Berg besought him to testify at the hearing that it was partially "his fault."

Possibly the board of safety had reason to discharge Berg, but it is apparent that the matter deserves a thorough investigation. The fact that the notorious Bob Graves took a hand in the deal and sought to officiate in a police squabble ought to make the Board of Safety sit up and take notice.

Graves but recently participated in a drunken shooting scrape in Franklin Hall. He and his gang of protected outlaws crashed into the dance and opened fire with automatics. One man was killed instantly and others were wounded. The Ku Klux grand jury, presided over by a Ku Klux prosecutor could not decide which particular bullet from the basket full, more or less, that were fired by Graves and his party killed the victim, so no homicide indictment was returned.

Graves was kept in jail a few days, where he was given special quarters and special attention by Sheriff Hoffman, and was then released under a light bond. Although Graves is colored and the police and sheriff are kluxers, Graves has had things his own way here. Those who urged the dismissal of Berg from the police force are said to be members of the Billy Williams klux-Republican machine, of which the colored man Graves is an important political cog.

It is true that Berg is entirely too handy with his club and it is probably just as well that he is relieved from further duty. There may be some justification in his contention that his numerous affrays were not of his seeking, but the fact remains that several men were rather badly hurt by the ex-officer.

The Post-Democrat believes, however, that the board of safety made a mistake in removing him so perfunctorily. Every man is entitled to a full defense and from the fact that the klux-republican machine was demanding his removal, suggests the idea that Berg's withdrawal from the klux might have had something to do with the charges against the officer.

The evidence of the colored man who was beaten, that Bob Graves had tried to "fix" the evidence in a police trial should have been given more consideration by the board and should be made the subject of a special and thorough investigation, for the purpose of discovering the seat of the official conspiracy to protect Graves in his numerous law breaking ventures.

It is a known fact that Graves is a close political ally of the klux prosecutor, and sheriff, and that political booze parties, attended by these officials, were held in his gambling joint on a number of occasions.

All efforts to convict Graves in the courts have been unavailing, although evidence of an unimpeachable character could have been easily secured.

It is known to the police and other peace officers that Graves opened up a new joint in the "redlight" several days ago and the board of safety should respond to the public demand for a show down.

The kluxer administration boasts that it has cleaned out the bootleggers and the gamblers. In one respect it has made good in that line. It has cleaned out practically all of the opposition to klux law violators, giving the latter a monopoly on gambling operations and liquor selling. It is a well known fact that whisky selling and gambling is on the increase in Muncie and that practically every law violator is either a klansman or cog in the klux's political machine.

OVERDUE PATRIOTISM.

"Well, what do you think of 'Brother Charlie' now?" was the question asked a Post-Democrat representative by a local republican who belongs to the ready money, financial crowd.

The gentleman referred, without doubt, to Governor Charles Bryan's criticism of a sword rattling administration that has called out the army and navy and the home guards to tell the world how good we are.

Our querist will no doubt be one of the bravest of the brave on September 12. He may even form himself into a parade, tie a red sash around his belly, buckle on a tin sword and ride a raging steed around the public square all day, thus demonstrating his fierce and warlike spirit.

There was time, back in 1918, when his overdue patriotism might have found an outlet on the battle fields of France, but we distinctly remember that his present day fury was then missing, although he was of proper military age.

He was one of the boys who kept the home fires burning. And in this connection it will be observed that most of the criticism directed at Governor Bryan, in his very

sensible and patriotic answer to Coolidge's military gesture, emanates from the home guards and from professional army officers who belong to the blood letting union and fear for the perpetuity of their jobs.

The boys who did the real fighting, and who were requited for their heroism by the Coolidge veto of the bonus bill, have had enough of war. They are tired of the fulminations of 1924 patriots who discharged all their steam in 1918 making four-minute speeches urging poor people to give something they didn't have "until it hurt."

The poor gave the money and the blood. The politicians and the profiteers stayed at home and made money and speeches. The politicians and profiteers and their subsidized newspapers are now criticizing the democratic vice presidential candidate. The boys who did the fighting applaud him.

The politicians who are now trying to make political capital out of Governor Bryan's statement had better look before they leap too far.

TOO HEAVY FOR LIGHT WORK.

The board of safety Tuesday night decided that Captain of Police Ira Coons was too heavy for the light work around police station and reduced him to the rank of patrolman, where he will be deprived of the onerous duties of telling the chief what to do and directing the machinery of Brother Lance's city court. By the way Night Captain Arthur Jones has been taking on considerable weight.

ARTHUR NEEDS OUTDOOR EXERCISE.

Since becoming captain of Police Arthur Jones has entirely outgrown his six-dollar nighty and his pillow case klux parade helmet has become entirely too tight. Jones should have been fired from the force over a year ago, after he planted his elephantine carcass on the line of march of the klux parade of June 2, 1923, and protected out-of-town klux sluggers who assaulted citizens of Muncie, in his presence, telling one man, who was assaulted because he would not take off his hat to the Queens of the Golden Mask that he ought to have done as ordered, refusing to arrest the stranger who made the attack.

CHURCH CANNOT APPROVE OF KLAN ORGANIZATION

Secret Society Of This Kind Antagonistic To Religious Teachings.

The Ku Klux Klan.

Now and again we are asked what is our opinion and that of the church of the Ku Klux Klan. We have given our view of the order several times, and not long ago stated editorially that the Church would not approve this organization. It should be enough that our discipline excludes all secret society members from our church. The klux is the most secret of all societies, in that the personnel of the membership is kept secret.

We may state unequivocally that we cannot and do not tolerate the klux. None of our members or preachers should be connected with the order. Any one so doing is subject to dismissal from the church for belonging to a secret society. The fact of membership in the order automatically takes one out of the church, unless he leaves the order, or states his purpose and plan so to do. We do not know how to state the case more clearly. No, you cannot be a member of the Ku Klux Klan and a member of the United Brethren church at the same time. And further, we may say that it seems to us that any intelligent United Brethren should know better than to join such an order and expect to retain membership in the church. We went through the throes of division to maintain our position against secret societies. It was not done to be contrary nor reactionary, but from principle. The church from the very beginning excluded secret society members from our pews. It was terribly distressing to have thrust upon us the division with all its woes. The ministers of that unhappy day had labored faithfully to build the church, and with horror they saw her torn and many places destroyed and ruined. We hear it said that there never should have been any division; very true. The attempt to turn the church from her distinctive mission never should have been made. There is plenty of evidence that our Liberal United Brethren, despite their outward showing of growth have not succeeded as they expected to do. That church is greatly involved—both financially and spiritually. (In a neighboring village to Huntington is advertised a play under the auspices of the Liberal Brethren church which from the advertising promises to partake of the nature of a "Pillies" attraction. A United Brethren "leg show." This is not an attack upon our Liberal Brethren and is not stated in joy, but in sorrow.)

Why, after the consequences so apparent to the flouting of church with these things, should we follow suit? Are there not enough examples all about us of the effects of the church late society outside the regular order—swallowing the world? Yet United processes of the law is not Ameri-

can. It is anarchistic and a menace. Such is the Ku Klux Klan. But it is divided against itself and is already breaking.

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Women in Prison Never Try to Escape

Vienna.—Conducting a penitentiary without guards whence no prisoner has ever escaped, is the record claimed for the Wiener-Neudorf prison near Vienna where more than 800 women are serving terms of from one year to life. The honor system is employed, the penitentiary being in charge of about forty masters of charity under leadership of a supervising director who does not even live on the grounds.

The women do all their own work, attending the heating apparatus, laundry, gardens, bakery, kitchen, and look after the live stock and poultry, which keeps the penitentiary supplied with milk, fresh meat and other products. The prison has become almost self-supporting, and is known as the model penitentiary of all Europe.

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crat by unfair competition was hatched in klux headquarters. We have the direct word of a klansman for this, a man who held a high office in the local klux and who was threatened with "banishment" for refusing to contribute money to keep the thing going.

The Post-Democrat doesn't care a tinker's cuss how long the Scott printers keeps on grinding out klux sand, bager, but we want to serve notice on all parties concerned. Shaffer's boot licker included, that this newspaper has plenty of fight left and plenty of friends who are thoroughly alive to the situation.

We have been informed that the Parkinson libelity was assumed by the Star on a two months' trial. His salary will be paid largely by Muncie Jews and Catholics, whose money keeps the Star going. If these merchants stand for Parkinson, who belongs to an organization that seeks to disfranchise and bankrupt them, they will stand for anything.

ANDERSON KOOS

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attend the meetings and take a look at the heads when the boys peel off their pillow cases. I feel like apologizing to the monks every time I look 'em over.

Speaking of human freaks, and the transition of man from monkey, we have a specimen here in Anderson that is about half done, with the preponderance, probably, on the monkey side of the fence. We ain't goin' to name no names, but this particular kokonut kracker is also a cross between an engineer and janitor of a large building in the center of the city. He consorts with other near-humans, and neither he nor his associates are fooling anybody but themselves.

Walter Black, who was defeated for recorder in the democratic primary two years ago and then refused to vote for the nominee, is still at his job taking orders for ice cream and pop. He specializes on a horse laugh, which fools everybody, of course.

It's funny how some democratic organization leaders attempt to make oil and water mix. The Hon. Willis S. Ellis has been appointed on the finance committee of the democratic county central committee. Of course these wishy washy guys will stand for a whole lot, John B. P. Bookout, Willis's deputy sheriff, had to be lined, if possible, for it might amount

to as much as one vote.

And if "Tolerance" is right, look what Scotty Chambers "went and done" He appointed Bowman Elder, of Indianapolis, treasurer of the democratic state committee. Tolerance published Elder's picture, with scare heads "everything, some time ago, branding him as one of the leading followers of the exhausted flip-flop. He was in the war, alright, after having tried, if our information is correct, to get in as a dollar a year man. His father is a millionaire, he is an only son, and is a sweet child, if we are to take the word of klansmen.

The Montgomery twins, husband and wife, who run the only five hundred percent restaurant in Anderson, having moved five times in the past year or so, I call them twins, although they are sure enough married folks, because they seemed to be trained, and have the actions, of the engineer referred to above.

I am going to attend klux meetings more regularly hereafter and whether it is treason or not, am going to tell the readers of the Post-Democrat many things they would like to hear. I have been making a scientific study of the mental acrobatics of the Anderson klux, and find that many of the members are almost as happy as if they were in their right minds.

KAMELIA KUTIES

(Continued From Page 1.)

have the constitution adopted and a vote be had electing a board of trustees, or the officers be empowered to make a contract with the Kleagle, for the payment of the commission; and the same way relating to everything.

"If we can perfect this organization and build up a membership this summer, and keep these women satisfied, and keep them believing in the organization we have done quite a great deal for the organization."

"You, no doubt, received Bulletin No. 1. I would have you put this in the hands of your women that are right, and ask them pass them along so that they can be read, and when you do this, explain to the women that our finances are limited, that our printing bill will be kept to a minimum, that they will be furnished with financial statements by auditors, a director of finance will be appointed who will act as treasurer and who will install systems in the organizations."

"We have learned in the past that the real true success of America—and by America, I mean the United States—has been accomplished thru the ballot box. In fact, every country in the world has been envious of us, but they refused to relinquish the power that they held in their hands that the people might take control of their government, and in so doing take the plum out of their mouth. If it is good for the United States, then it is surely the right principles upon which to construct a constitution for the klux."

"I surely trust that this letter will apprise you of the situation as it is, and I surely trust that I can expect and depend on your hearty co-operation to put this mammoth task over."

"I will have ready for you Sunday Bulletin No. 2 to be issued on Monday. In this bulletin, we will take up the constitution. Bulletin No. 3 will

cover the second degree work, which I hope can be arranged for Newark on July 4th, at which time and place those eligible for the second degree will be invited to take this vow. It is the desire to make this very spectacular, and I know that from the plans now made that you will be pleased with these plans.

"With kindest personal regards to your husband, I am

"Very truly yours,
"F. G. T."

GENESIS OF THE KLAN AS TOLD BY A FARMER

Old Farmer Cornstassel, of Mupskingum township, was taken to task by a klucker neighbor, who accused him of intolerance respecting the klux.

"Well," said the old man, "I'll tell you about that. I don't believe I am intolerant. But when I meet a copperhead snake, I am at once filled with a holy desire to do it bodily harm. If I can't do that, I cuss it out."

Is that intolerance?
"Then, if I meet a skunk, I try to put the width of the township between us, because I know that even if I do lick him, I will carry the scars of battle for a long time. Is that intolerance?"

"Now, one day Mr. Copperhead met Miss Skunk just after she had had an argument with some one. He was completed overcome with her charms of face, figure and fragrance, and, following his usual procedure, proposed marriage without a moment's hesitation or warning."

"As Miss Skunk was nearing the same and yellow period of life, she coyly consented, and they were married by the Rev. Peewee Wrong."

"In the course of time, the couple was cursed with one child, and they named him Ku Klux Klan. He was a lusty infant, but as he inherited all the bad instincts of his father and none of the virtues of his mother, the community in course of time, made the neighborhood so unhealthy for him, that he is seldom seen without a disguise of some kind."

"What you mean about a skunk having virtues?"

"Oh yes, they have virtues, after certain surgical operations, the skunk becomes a good citizen. And I think after the same operation is performed upon the klux, making it impossible for it to shake its foul venom from its tail, its paver for evil will be gone. Unless, indeed, the growing scarcity of suckers forces it into involuntary bankruptcy."

EARL HARRIS STAGES

FIGHT AT EAGLES CLUB

Earl Harris is again in the lime-light. This time he filled up on white mule and started a rumpus at the Eagles club. Now there are a lot of decent fellows in the Eagles and they promptly kicked him out.

Some day or night Harris will outwear his welcome in Zanesville, and there will be no tears shed when he goes.

ONE BUNCH OF KLANSMEN

STAGE RETURN TO SANITY

All honor to those Brenham, (Texas), klansmen who had the courage to disband. Here is why they did it, in the words of the man who made the motion:

"It was not serving any useful purpose and was causing friction in the country."

KLUXER GRATITUDE.

A few days since a representative of the Post-Democrat had occasion to visit at Portland, Bryant, Geneva, New Corydon and the German settlement east of Bryant among those plain, honest and law abiding citizens whose whole aim in life is to live in quiet, peace and harmony with every one and who have never had the serenity of their community disturbed until the Ku Klux Klan reared its head in their midst.

As in all other communities where this serpent of hate has gained an entrance it has been getting in its venom of distrust and calumny with an ugly effort to disrupt the friendships that have stood through several generations.

One of the people whom our representatives met is Dr. Schenk, of New Corydon, who cursed every Catholic in the community and condemned every one except himself and the Imperial Flivver.

The doctor reminds us more of the dog that bites the hand of the person that has fed it than any other renegade we have met since the KKK have converted the doctor to their way of false thinking, for if this misguided vendor of pills is not a full fledged member of the order of hate he certainly has most emphatic leanings that way.

Anybody who boasts of being a reader of The Fiery Cross and the Menace and is too modest to read The Post-Democrat, either has something wrong with the cross fibers of his upstairs or is an enemy to organized society. We are just telling the good people of this settlement that there are some mighty good doctors in nearby towns who have not sold their birthright for a mere mess of pottage.

Klucker Candidates Kompel Attention

Some of These Koo Koo's Have No Opposition,
But You Don't Have To Vote for Them--Ig-
nore Them and They May See the Light.

THE DIGEST

"Koo Koo Ka-bal's"

Belle Freiner—24 St. Clair Street. Better known as War Eagle. Don't allow any of the neighbors to keep roomers, but keeps one herself. Says that all Catholics and Jews should be in Hell.

John Keyser—West Main Street. Klose to the bridge. Says all Americans should be working and the Jews and Catholics ought to starve to death. Works for B. & O.

Seth Tower—Red Star Bus Station for wormy P-Nuts and Nuts. Look out girls for this Ko Ko. Dick Boards—Insurance agent, Pataskala, O. Working for a Jew. "Hot Kakes."

Long-Lean-Lanky, Bob Williams—The ice cold boob. Claimed he did not belong to the Ko Koo. I'll bet Swank knows ???

R. D. McClellan—B. & O. Pug Face.

Roy Leonard—B. & O. puts it across ???

W. Payne—First and Main street. Bridge carpenter for B. & O. Turned his Koo Koo jaw baby down and now has one darker in color.

NEWARK, O., Aug. 8.—As primary day approaches interest centers in the democratic contest for congress. It has been agreed generally over the district, according to the best information received by the Post-Democrat correspondent that Curtis McBride of Mansfield, should receive the endorsement of the voters Tuesday.

Mr. Bittering stands four square for visible government and a square deal. The Klan has centered on F. F. Bittering, of Ashland and at Newark and other Klan centers, an organized effort will be made to make Bittering the nominee.

Opponents of the Klan will be foolish if they divide their votes. The Klan will vote solidly and the way to treat them at the polls is to present a better organization and a concentrated body of voters. Cast your votes for McBride and save the district from Klux representation.

The Eagles are talking about the unfriendly attitude of Bittering, who was invited by some to visit their camp. "To hell with them tramps," said he. "Let McBride go; the Eagles are all for the old age pension."

By R. O. Osevelt.

Newark, O., Aug. 8.—On Tuesday, Aug. 12, the voters of Newark and Licking county will again have the opportunity to choose between honest, decent open-minded men, who are under the control of no organization having for its object the ultimate overthrow of the government for which our forefathers, fought, suffered privations and bravely gave up their lives that the United States might be the home of real liberty.

If there are nay of you who are in doubt about the real object of the Klan, read these extracts from the national constitution. They are real extracts and their authenticity can not be questioned:

Quoting from article 1, section 2, of Ku Klux Klan constitution (as furnished by Judge Wither, "the government of this order shall ever be military in character most especially in management - and control; and no legislative enactment or constitutional amendment hereafter forever shall encroach upon, effect, or change this essential fundamental principle of this order."

Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12, article 10, constitution of the Ku Klux Klan: "The government of this order shall be vested primarily in the imperial wizard, and as commander in chief, who shall be supreme within the restrictions of this constitution and as otherwise provided, and whose decisions, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions shall be of full authority and unquestionably recognized, and respected by each and every citizen of the invisible empire." Sections 2, 3, article 10, constitution of the Ku Klux Klan.

We find that the chief executive of this order is the imperial wizard; that his term of office is indefinite; that he is subject only to the restrictions of the constitution; that the only restriction in the constitution is stated in the general term—"for just cause"; that he can only be removed upon the approval of the grand dragons, who are his own appointees. Briefly stated, the tenure of office of the imperial wizard is a life tenure; his power and authority is absolute and his form of government is military.

By what tie of allegiance is a member of this Klan bound to this order, and to the imperial wizard? Let us take some sections of the oath administered. Section 1: "I, in the presence of God and man, most solemnly pledge, promise and swear,

as to all such crimes as bootlegging, fornication, adultery, perjury, theft, arson, forgery, swindling, etc.

A careful perusal of these extracts will give any man or woman of even fair intelligence a clear idea of the aims of this cancerous growth which is endeavoring to fasten itself upon this fair land of ours, and to make of it an empire ruled by the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

Some of these men have no opposition. But they are all alike in one respect—they are either fools or rascals. If they believe what he Klan falsely says, that it is organized for the good of the country, they are fools. If they do not believe it, but merely pretend to believe it, they are rascals.

In either case they should be shown at the polls that there is no place in Licking county official circles for them.

When you mark your ballot—place the X mark before the name of the candidate you KNOW is not a Klucker. If the candidate has no opposition, place NO MARK opposite his name. It will not defeat him, but it may encourage some clean, decent taxpayer to run against him at the election as an independent candidate, and BE ELECTED, TOO!

Here are the Democratic candidates. Those KNOWN to be Klansmen are plainly indicated, as are those who are opposed to the teachings of the unholy organization. Those not marked are on the doubtful list:

DEMOCRAT For Congress

F. F. Billinger, Ashland. K. K. K.
W. S. Evans, Hanover. K. K. K.
Curtis McBride, Mansfield. Anti-K.
Burch B. Ferenbaugh, Knox Co. Anti-Klan.

For State Representative

William Drumm, Ka Klux Klan.
Mrs. Lottie Connell. Anti-Klan.
Maurice J. Beaumy. Anti-Klan.
O. E. Cooperider. Anti-Klan.

For State Senator

Bert O. Horton, Ku Klux Klan Candidate.

For Probate Judge

Eugene Moore, Klu Klux Klan.

For Sheriff

Fred Vogelmeyer. Anti-Klan.

For Recorder

E. E. Hess, Anti Klan.
Heith Lowery, K. K. K.

For Clerk of Courts

Chas. F. Martin, K. K. K.

For County Commissioner

Chas. S. Brown. Doubtful.
A. B. Crawford. Doubtful.

Here are the Republican candidates. This attitude toward the Klan is shown in the same manner as are the candidates on the Democrat ticket.

For Representative

Wayne Overturn. Doubtful.

For Congress

William Morgan. Doubtful.

For State Senator

John Sherman Edwards. Doubtful.

For Probate Judge

Harvey Alexander. Anti Klan

For Sheriff

H. I. Holmes. K. K. K.

For Recorder

Dan Simson. Anti Klan.
Cary A. McMillen. Doubtful.

For Clerk of Courts

J. W. Vermillion, K. K. K.

For County Commissioner

Reese R. Jones. Anti Klan.
W. V. Davis, K. K. K.

For Coroner

Geo. Garlinghouse, K. K. K.
Chas. A. Boyer, K. K. K.

Does not make any difference.

Now voters, you have the facts. When you go to vote ask yourselves these questions:

Do I want to send a man to Congress to further the criminal aims of Hiram W. Evans?

Do I want to send to the Ohio Senate a man who will vote to make laws for Ohio written by the imperial wizard at Atlanta, Ga.?

Do I want to send a man to the Ohio Legislature, who will be a puppet in the hands of men like Benedictine, of Arkansas, and Stephens, who was arrested in Columbus, for assaulting a woman?

Do I want to put in charge of the Recorder's office a man whose only recommendation is that he has sworn to obey the orders of the Klan. What would my records be worth if Wizard Evans ordered them destroyed?

Do I want to vote for a man for prosecutor who has taken an oath to recognize as crimes only treason against the United States (the Klan) to define treason, rape and murder?

Do I want to vote for a man as Clerk of Courts, a man who is incapable of conducting the affairs of Auditor of the city of Newark, and is obliged to call in outside assistance? What will happen to the important court records if this county should be elected?

Do I want to elect a man as County Treasurer, who is bound by his oath to the Klan to obey the orders of the

imperial wizard, even to the extent of turning over the public funds placed in his care?

Do I want to vote for a man for Sheriff who while safety director of Newark, has made the name of his city a by word all over Ohio? Who devotes his days and nights to arresting innocent motorists and murdering harmless dogs?

Do I want to entrust the duties of the probate court to a man with no more mentality than to subscribe to the Klan oath? That office requires a man with a well balanced mind.

Do I want to vote for a man for Surveyor who will do his work as the Klan orders, regardless of the wishes of the people who pay the bills.

Do I want to vote for men for County Commissioners who will make roads for Klansmen and neglect the rest of the county?

After answering these questions, go to the polls and vote. Register your opinion of this un-American organization and kill it for all time in Licking County.

KLANSMEN BEAT UP BOY; FOUND GUILTY AND FINED

North Vernon, Ind., Lad
Assaulted Because Some-
one Pushed Cross.

North Vernon, Ind.,
July 31, 1924.
The Post-Democrat,
Muncie, Indiana

Centimen:
I am a very ardent reader of the Post-Democrat, and I believe that I have a story that may be of some advantage to you.

I will outline my experience:

A few weeks ago the Klan was very busy in decorating the public streets with their emblem "the fiery cross." I with the services of several other boys would patrol all the streets that were decorated with these crosses and which were interfering with traffic, and shove them over and get them out of the street so cars that were driving by almost continuously would not be endangered. From then on I became an enemy of the kluxers. Several boys told me that they were after me, and if I ever showed over another cross I would be mighty sorry. The same night that we were engaged in tearing down these crosses, Mayor Webster himself, of this city, arrested two boys for placing them in the public streets.

Just a few nights after this occurred several other crosses were placed about the streets of the city, and each one was patrolled and watched by a score of klansmen. Several boys succeeded in showing down all but one of these crosses. I was not amongst these boys at all. I was attending a show.

After the show was over I started towards home (I live on Fourth St.) On the Corner of Fifth and Hoosier a large crowd was standing around the cross. It was unavoidable for me to walk past these men and the moment I got up to them some boy knocked over the cross. Eight or ten klansmen then jumped upon me and would probably have killed me if not that some kind hearted woman who dislikes seeing anyone beaten at odds, stopped the gang. I was taken almost by surprise. I never once thought that any of those boys around that cross would try and harm me. I knew I could give any one a good fight for his money but I never realized that \$ or 10 of the huskies would jump me, but they did and I got out alive, with the exception of two teeth, three cuts in the jaw, and a few bruises on other parts of the body.

The next day I saw a lawyer and he felt sure a conviction could be gotten if I could recognize any of the fellows. I could recognize two of the fellows who attacked me. Two big, strong arm men of the Klan. I filed a charge against these two men for assault and battery. Yesterday we had the trial. They used 16 witnesses and I used 6. They even appointed the judge. Had 4 lawyers engaged, but they were beaten and fined \$5 and costs, which will all total amount to at least a couple of hundred dollars.

I hope this little story of mine will be of some interest to you and will be glad if there is any way whatever for me to be of service to you.

Mr. Edward Riddle,
North 4th St.,
North Vernon, Ind.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS

The Board of Education of the School City of Muncie, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the rewiring of the Jefferson school building at their office, Central High School, August 13, 1924, at two-thirty P. M.

The Board reserves the right to reject any, or all bids.

Plans and specifications may be had at the office of Houck and Smaen, architects.

Board of Education,
FREDERICK P. McCLELLAN
GEORGE L. HAYMOND
EDWARD TUHEY

August 1-8-15.

K. K. K. Fails To Bar
Notre Dame Players

Seek to Have Michigan Aggie Notre
Come Baseball Game Called Off.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8.—As a rebuke to klansmen and their sympathizers when L. Whitney Watkins, chairman of the Michigan state board of agriculture was asked by kluxers to cancel the June Michigan Aggie baseball game with Notre Dame university, he stoutly refused to do so. Klansmen based their request on the falsehood that some of the Notre Dame students recently desecrated the flag at South Bend.

"There is no more loyal American institution in this nation today than the University of Notre Dame, and the unkind and uncalled for insult offered it and its baseball team was nothing short of dastardly," said Mr. Watkins. "Should this nation be engaged in another war, or face a crisis, I know of no body of men I would rather lead in such a contest than the students of Notre Dame. In the past they have proved 100 per cent American and they are that yet and I am confident always will be."

So despite the protest the game was played.—New World.

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Indiana, will, at their office in the Court House in the City of Muncie, said County and State, receive sealed proposals for the improvement of a certain highway in said county by grading, draining and paving with gravel in accordance with the specifications, plans and profile now on file in the office of the Auditor of said County, by and under the laws of the State of Indiana.

Said bids or proposals will be received up to 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the 2nd day of September, 1924, at which time said bids will be opened. The said road to be improved is located in Perry Township in Delaware County, Indiana, and is to be known as the John W. Dotson road when so improved.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit as required by law and by a personal or surety bond in a sum equal to double the amount of the bid, to be approved by the Board of Commissioners of said County, conditioned for the faithful performance of the work, and for the benefit of any person or corporation who shall suffer any loss or damage by reason of such bidder failing to enter into a contract to perform such work if awarded him by said Board of Commissioners, or to carry out the same in any particular, or to pay for any labor or materials which may have been furnished to such contractor or to any sub-contractor, agent or superintendent under him, in the construction of said work. The sureties on such bond, if personal, shall be resident freeholders of the State of Indiana, one of whom shall be a resident of Delaware County.

Said improvement will be let as a whole to the lowest responsible bidder and said board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The estimated cost of said work is \$12,714.00.

The time for the completion of said work will be agreed upon after the letting of said contract by said Board and the successful bidder.

Given by order at the Board of Commissioners of said County, Aug. 5, 1924.

Auditor of Delaware County,
Indiana.

Aug. 8-15-22.

NOTICE TO PAINTERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana, will, at the Court House in the city of Muncie, Indiana, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. on Saturday the 16th day of Aug., 1924, receive sealed proposals for the work of painting the following buildings located at the County Infirmary, to-wit:

Cow barn, 40x60x18 to the square. Hip roof.

Tool shed, 72x40x14 to the square. Hip roof.

Horse barn, 46x60x18 to the square. Hip roof.

Ho. house, 50x24.

REPORTER STALKS KLAN: BRANDED WITH HOT "K"

New England Young Man
Tells Police of Attack
by "Knights."

Moonsocket, R. I., Aug. 8.—Branded with a red-hot iron which left the vivid imprint of the letter "K" on his wrist and forehead, Lucien C. San Souci, a newspaperman, has told the police a story which set them searching for the hooded men who captured San Souci as he spied on their secret meeting Monday night.

San Souci, a reporter for La Tribune, a local French daily, followed his newspaperman's instinct when he followed the hooded band to its meeting place in the woods between here and North Pittsfield, but he admitted that he was not assigned to the job by his paper.

The branding iron was applied by a masked man who wore a white robe, and his companions wore the same garb, San Souci said, but he was unable to give the police much additional information that might lead to the identity of his assailants.

"I had overheard several men talking about a meeting that was to be held," San Souci told the United News. "So, although not assigned to cover it for my paper, I went out merely to see how the thing was conducted."

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.
By Mary E. Anderson, Clerk.
Advertise on July 25-Aug. 1st, 1924.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS

State of Indiana,
Delaware County, ss:
Victoria Burnett

vs. No. 1473

Jesse Burnett

April Term, 1924.

Complaint, For divorce.

In the Delaware Circuit Court.

Notice is hereby given the said defendant, Jesse Burnett, that the plaintiff has filed her complaint herein for a divorce together with an affidavit that the said defendant is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and that unless he be and appear on Monday the 22nd day of September, 1924, the 19th day the next term of said Court, to be holden on the First Monday in September, A. D., 1924, at the Court House in the City of Muncie, in said County and State, the said cause will be heard and determined in his absence.

Witness, the Clerk and the Seal of said Court, affixed at the City of Muncie, this 22nd day of July A. D., 1924.

PERRY W. MANSFIELD,
Clerk

Isaac H. Gray, Plaintiff's Atty.
July 25-Aug 1-8.

CITY ADVERTISEMENTS

Department Of Public Work
Office of the Board
212 Wyser Block
Muncie, Ind.

Notice of Improvement Resolution.
Notice to Property Owners.

In the matter of Certain Proposed Public Improvements in the City of Muncie, State of Indiana.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana, that it is desired and deemed necessary to make the following described public improvements for the City of Muncie, Indiana, as authorized by the following numbered improvement resolutions, adopted by said Board, on the 18th and 22nd days of July, 1924, to-wit:

I. R. No. 1172-1924, Cement curb and gutter on both sides of First Street from Madison Street to Macedonia Avenue.

I. R. No. 1173-1924, Cement sidewalk on both sides of College Avenue from Jackson Street to Godman Ave.

Each bidder is also to file with the Board an affidavit that there has been no collusion in any way affecting said bid, according to the terms of Sec. 95, of the Act of March 6th, 1905. (Acts 1905, p. 219.)

All such proposals should be sealed, and must be deposited with said Board before the hour of 7:30 o'clock in the evening of the 19th day of August 1924, and each such proposal must be accompanied by a certified check payable to said City, for the sum equal to two and one-half per cent (2 1/2 per cent) of City Civil Engineer's estimate which shall be forfeited to said City as liquidated damages, if the bidder depositing the same shall fail duly and promptly to execute the required contract and bond, in case a contract shall be awarded him on such accompanying proposal.

Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Mary E. Anderson, Clerk.
Publish on Aug. 8-15th-1924.

Rensselaer, Ind., Aug. 1, 1924. school and that he intended to retain her and Miss Reed did teach the school, but the Klan frightened Mr. Grater when they came to his home wearing the masks and he had a nervous breakdown and became insane, he was constantly in fear of the Klan after they visited his home. Mr. Grater was trustee of Barkley township and lived on a farm near Rensselaer. Better have one of your correspondents find out all the facts about Mr. Grater's case. It should not be let go by without exposing the Klan members that visited Mr. Grater's home.

A Reader of Your Paper.

Fear of Klan Drives
Indiana Man Insane

Mr. George Dale,
Muncie, Ind.

About two weeks ago a man died near Rensselaer, William Grater and it is said that members of the Ku Klux Klan caused Mr. Grater to go insane and caused his death.

Last fall Mr. Grater employed Miss Reed a Catholic girl to teach in a Consolidated School near Rensselaer, then some members of the Klan came to Mr. Grater's home one night wearing masks, Klan outfits, and they told Mr. Grater not to employ Miss Reed to teach school. Mr. Grater told the Kluckers that he employed Miss Reed to teach the

KLAN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMB OUTRAGES

Teaching Of Hatred And Intolerance Will Cause Bloodshed.

Had not Divine Providence interfered, the Ku Klux Klan would have added another murder to their already overcrowded black crime list, when they threw a bomb on the porch of the residence of Rev. Van Rie, Catholic priest, pastor of St. Cyril's Catholic church, at North Judson, Indiana, injuring the housekeeper, who was sleeping on the first floor, as she rushed to the door to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Father Van Rie, who was upstairs, was thrown from his bed. The bomb was intended for Father Van Rie who had spoken of the Klan as un-American and pleaded for fraternalism, and broad mindedness among all creeds and classes. He pleaded for the return of those who had joined the Klan, to old time harmony, that existed among the citizens of that community before the Klan infested and disrupted social and business circles. Father Van Rie is tolerant, he is a man of magnetic personality and possesses great executive ability and is a leader in all movements of civic and social interests. In no instance has Rev. Van Rie proscribed any individual who is a member of the Klan and therefore has not made any particular Klan enemy, however, collectively, they are sworn enemies of all things Catholic, Jewish, colored, foreign and anti-Klanish Protestant.

Rev. Van Rie is patriotic and honors Lincoln so much that a bust of the martyred emancipator, along with the stars and stripes occupies a prominent place in his parlor.

Is this outrage the act of 100 per cent American citizens? If so, we had better emigrate to Russia, where the Bolsheviks at least do not have the open and where one knows who and where their enemies are.

where one can see the bomb coming in daytime.

If such act, stand for law and order, then why suffer on one side, why not make it a free-for-all, and everybody get a bomb? The Kluckers are only pugnacious in their boasts, among their own kind, but dirty low-down sneaks, like the wolf which prowls in the night, seeking an innocent victim, whom he might devour.

The Kluxer knows who opposes his un-Americanism, he realizes also that his opponents fight him in the open. He has no fear of being bombed, in his bed at night by an anti-Klan. We know that anti-Klan citizens are not impeachable, yet, none would stoop to murder another because of a difference in religion. We should think Ed Jackson would hunt a hole in which to hide himself for issuing a charter to such a lawless, murderous gang of cut throats. No, he likes that Klan bunch and accepts their support politically. How long must citizens suffer at the hands of these law violators? And this, is free America? And the Constitution guarantees every citizen who lives under the stars and stripes equal protection from lawless elements. Do we get it? Under the broad canopy of heaven, nothing exists that the All-Wise Providence did not place here for man, and He created all men equal and gave us ten commandments to live by. Where did He, in any instance proscribe the individual? No, He gave man a free will, and He did not say, no foreigner shall immigrate to America, no colored man shall live there, no Jew shall be allowed to land on American shores.

The majority of kluckers have all been tarred with the same stick, therefore the strength of the organization.

Since Emperor Simmons sold the K. K. K. and Wizard Evans began to use it for liquor raids and politics, we have been asked to believe that its days, or rather nights, of violence, tar and feather parties, whippings and murders were over. Its organs have been insisting that opposition to its activities is based on misunderstanding of its mission and spirit.

But the truth has come out in ghastly reality on numerous occasions, when Klan pistols, have snuffed out the lives of various citizens throughout Free (?) America, and injured scores of others. Klansmen, in the majority, are armed to the teeth when they assemble at their conventions and parades. Most of these would-be murderers, are members of the Horshett Detective Association and secure permits to carry guns. Jesse James was an angel compared to most of them.

We say murderers advisedly, for, although the Klan leaders have put up the defense that they expect to be

attacked, they would have no such expectation and would not be molested had they not taught and fostered malice and hatred. They have stirred up and are stirring up ill will. Hatred usually leads to violence and often incites murder. Malice is predicated of murder, and malice is instilled into every klansman by the teachings of the Klan.

Men and women who permit themselves to be controlled by doctrines which cause them to look with suspicion and contempt upon millions of their fellow citizens and having done so arm themselves for trouble, in order to be prepared for attacks induced by their own lying propaganda, have created all of the conditions for rioting and murder. Let those who are dickering with the Klan in politics take warning. It's spirit is a spirit of evil which law abiding Americans cannot afford to encourage.

Where are those semi-conscious anti-Klan citizens, those apathetic, those quiescent Catholics who said: "Leave it alone. Give it plenty of rope and it will hang itself?" Where are the weak-kneed who said: "We don't believe in stooping to their level by writing articles about them?" We want to know whether or not they have enough Klan outrages to satisfy them that it's time to pay them back in their own old half bushel? How about throwing the light of publicity on them now? Take your stand against them and let them know you are sincere in it.

Wilson called you to fight the Kaiser, and he is a model compared to the rulers of the Invisible Empire. It isn't patriotic to allow masked men to dominate the country and overthrow the government. Will you register and vote and legislate this horrible monster out of existence, or stay at home and take it and like it?

Will Logansport's chief executive, the man who has been considered fair and broadminded, permit the decent citizenship under his jurisdiction to be insulted on Labor Day, by a masked, hooded and armed mob, or will he require the kluckers to march with their faces bared to the gaze of the public. We say let them march, but make them bare their faces and leave their hoods at home.

Time will tell what the mayor will do, however, it appears to us, that upon the strength of the bloody outrages which have been enacted by many members of the hooded order, that Mayor Guthrie would see that no masked men or women appear upon the streets of Logansport. In the first place it is a violation of the Federal law to appear masked or armed in public, and did not the mayor take an oath to uphold the Constitution and to enforce the laws in Logansport?

Mayor Guthrie is and has been a sick man and the Klan may perhaps try to intimidate him, but we believe he can swear in enough deputies in the police department to take care of the kluckers. Now, Mayor Guthrie, your citizens look to you for protection and they want no masked prowlers on the streets of Logansport, and they believe that you will not fall them, even though your son Carl is a Klansman.

A little item in an evening paper so surprised Logansport people. An old man in Washington, Ind., was investigated for his actions to little girls. Do they really know such things happen right at home? Only a few weeks ago a case was recalled to the attention of juvenile and other authorities about a school janitor, (a grandfather) for his conduct towards little girls of the Orphans home. The matron of the home has since resigned and all of the little girls have been assigned to summer pleasure or work around in homes, but the janitor is still employed. He ought to be glad he belongs to the Kluckers or he would be hunting another job. Why did the juvenile authorities turn a deaf ear?

Kluxer Fraser manipulator of the destinies of the Standard Oil Co. in this community, pulled off a rotten deal recently in the fact that he let out some good men because they were not klux and substituted koos. Thus those men are deprived of a living because they are 100 percent Americans. It is appalling and nauseating to know of the filthy science possessed in the average Koo. Perhaps the Standard Oil Co. likes men of the dirty yellow stripe.

The koos are going broke everywhere and in every line. The Royal Center Record is about to go the same journey as the Walton Rag. Here's hoping.

Girard, owner of the 100 percent, cafe on 4th street, has closed his place for the summer. He no doubt will land at Hot Springs to get some of that mule boiled out of his hide, which he has been soaked with for several months past.

There is Wayne Gaunt, who is another one of these shining lights that infests the vile den of Kookooland.

We note the Dirty Spoon cafe on 3rd street took in his safe sign. Somehow Carl could not stand the

gaft. Safe place to eat, what a joke! We hear Dave Viney, 110 Ottawa street—denies his membership. But he was a first-hand jiner—a charter member, and he works for a Jew. How very consistent?

BOMBS DON'T

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miles. Residents assert the bombing is the work of members of the Ku Klux Klan and the aftermath of a rowed and masked Klan parade here a week ago through the city and out to the Klan's meeting place in the country, where a fiery cross was erected.

During the parade, however, Father Vanrie said he sat in his study and made no comment.

"I am mystified about the whole matter," Father Vanrie said. "Ever since the existence of the Klan here I have said nothing against them, but have always pleaded for harmony among all sects, races and religions. I believe, however, this attack is in answer to that plea."

Traced Back a Year.

"The attack may be traced back to a year ago, when there was much discord here because of the increasing number of klansmen in our town, and I addressed a letter to the public through the press making a plea for harmony. An incident that occurred a short time previous caused a little ruffle in the peace of the town, and I believed such a plea was prudent."

"The Ku Klux Klan, through friendly publications not in North Judson, answered this plea most bitterly. Ever since then insinuations and insults have been thrown at me. It has been the endeavor of the Klan to conduct a big parade here, but not until last week did they do so. I believe the bomb came after the Klan had mustered up sufficient courage to carry out their public parade plans."

Father Vanrie asserts he never made any attacks upon the Klan, but has always been put on the defensive by them. The Klan is continuously attacking him, he says, and he retaliates merely by asserting that the Klan is un-American and unpatriotic.

Played Lincoln Part.

After Father Vanrie is wholly American and exceedingly patriotic is attested by the decorations in the parlor of his home. A huge bust of Abraham Lincoln rests upon a pedestal, an American flag drapes one of the walls, and on one occasion while his church was giving an entertainment he impersonated Abraham Lincoln, wearing the chin whiskers and tall silk hat. Two little negro children stood beside him, holding a patriotic banner during the tableau.

And Father Vanrie, in truth, resembles the great emancipator, in size. Father Vanrie is much over 6 feet tall, very angular and has a thin, long face.

"You see, there is only one Jew here and only one Negro family, and in making any attacks the Klan merely picked on the biggest fry," Father Vanrie, joked.

"Aren't you afraid to be here now that a bomb has been hurled at your door?"

"Not a bit of it."

City officials assert they are trying to ascertain who threw the bomb.

Knox, the county seat of Starke county, it is said, is nearly 100 per cent Klan, while the percentage of klansmen in North Judson is small. Townspeople assert that klansmen at intervals hold meetings on the outskirts, lighting a cross and conducting rituals. For a mile or so along the road approaching the meeting place posts clad in the garb of the Klan stand as sentinels and gibe and jeer at persons not of the Klan who chance to drive along the road—Herald and Examiner.

DECATUR FIERY

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place it in the till. When nobody was looking the distributor of Klan literature grabbed the bill and made his getaway.

He hid the bill under the board in the yards of the Decatur Castings company, and later, when cross questioned by Zimmerman, admitted the bill and returned the money.

The boy's father and grandfather are both firm adherents of the new cult of law and order and hundred percent Americanism, so it is but natural that the twigs should develop the larcenous tendencies inspired by association with those who believe in prowling around at night in disguise.

The Ku Klux Klan rots and destroys everything it touches and this boy, brought up in environments which teach contempt for the rights and privileges of others, fell an easy victim to the teachings of the un-American sheet that he has been peddling on the streets of Decatur.

The Fiery Cross has taught more boys to lie and steal than any other one agency in the state of Indiana. It is bad enough to inspire hate, venom and disrespect for law in the minds of adults, but its greatest crime con-

sists in debauching innocent children by inoculating them with the virus of anarchy and outlawry.

The Klan professes to stand as the powerful bulwark of education of the youth of the land. In reality it is the enemy of childhood and of our educational system.

Clashes Are Averted During Klan Parade

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 4.—The usual Sunday quiet prevailed in Leavenworth yesterday after a night of portentous rumblings and individual encounters that attended a parade of the Ku Klux Klan Saturday night. Although the police admitted that the situation was serious around midnight Saturday night, disorders were avoided, and early today the crowds had dispersed.

The parade was the closing event of an all-day barbecue picnic staged by klansmen from this part of Kansas and from across the river in Missouri. The parade itself was said to be a political demonstration, coming as it did on the eve of the statewide primary, in which the Klan is taking an active part in this county.

The first trouble came when a crowd in the heart of town attempted to interfere with the parade. Individual encounters between klansmen and spectators resulted along the line of march and some minor injuries were reported.

Thronged of men roamed the streets after midnight, stopping motor cars and looking for klansmen. As the visiting klansmen left for their homes they were hooted and told not to return.

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The man who is ready to hold tomorrow will be precisely the opinion he holds today has either thought very little, or to little purpose, or has resolved to quit thinking altogether.—Helen Hunt Jackson

Ku Kluxers

Are Being Weeded From Missouri National Guard.

St. Louis, Aug. 1, 1924.—A reorganization of the 138th infantry, First Missouri National Guard, regiment is under way by Col. A. E. Feltch, commander, with the announced purpose of getting rid of Ku Klux Klansmen. Col. Feltch, in a statement saying such a move is necessary to restore discipline in the regiment, announced the resignations of four commissioned officers.

"We are starting to recruit our regiment to full strength for the State encampment at Nevada, Mo., soon," said Col. Feltch, "but we don't want any Ku Kluxers. I would be willing to have a company of Methodists, Baptists or Catholics—I am an Episcopalian myself—but the Ku Klux element has all but ruined the discipline in the organization, and it must get out and stay out."

"I want our citizens to understand we are going to recruit on a 100 per cent American basis, which can be done without appealing to an organization so un-American as the Klan."

CITY ADVERTISEMENTS
Department of Public Works,
Office of the Board,
212 Wysox Block,
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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the assessment rolls, with the names of the owners and descriptions of property subject to be assessed, with the amounts of prima facie assessments, have been made and are now on file and can be seen at the office of the Board, for the following improvements, to-wit:

I. R. No. 1090—1923, Cement sidewalk and curb and gutter on both sides of Tenth street from Port Avenue to Rochester Avenue.

I. R. No. 1095—1923, Cement sidewalk and curb and gutter on west side of Port Avenue from Tenth street to a point 125 feet north.

I. R. No. 1148—1924, Paving alley between 11th street and 12th street from Liberty street to Lake Erie & Western Railway Company.

I. R. No. 1153—1924, Paving alley between Main street and Jackson street from McKinley Avenue and College Avenue.

I. R. No. 1154—1924, Paving alley between Howard street and Powers street from Elliott street to Proud street.

I. R. No. 1156—1924, Paving alley between Eighth street and Ninth street to Beacon street.

All work done in the making of said described public improvements shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the improvement resolution, as numbered, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the above named date, and the drawings, plans, profiles and specifications which are on file and may be seen in the office of said Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

The Board of Public Works has fixed the 19th day of August, 1924, as a date upon which remonstrances may be filed or heard by persons interested in, or affected by said de-

scribed public improvements, and on said date at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., said Board of Public Works will meet at its office in said city for the purpose of hearing and considering any remonstrances which may have been filed, or which may have been presented; said Board fixes said date as a date for the modification, confirmation, rescinding, or postponement of action on said remonstrances; and on said date will hear all persons interested or whose property is affected by said proposed improvements, and will decide whether the benefits that will accrue to the property abutting and adjacent to the proposed improvement and to the said City will be equal to or exceed the estimated cost of the proposed improvements, as estimated by the City Civil Engineer.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
By Mary E. Anderson, Clerk.
(Aug. 1-3-1924)

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Notice of Declaratory Resolution
Notice To Property Owners.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana, that it is desired and deemed necessary to make the following described vacation for the City of Muncie, Indiana, as authorized by the following numbered declaratory resolution, adopted by said Board, on the 25th day of July, 1924, to-wit:

Declaratory Resolution No. 1177-1924.

For condemnation of a strip of ground ten (10) feet wide off the north side of the right-of-way of the Lake Erie & Western Railway Company, from Mound Street to Gharkey Street, for local sewer purposes.

All work done in the making of said described vacation shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the declaratory resolutions, as numbered, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the above named date, and the drawings, plans, profiles and specifications which are on file and may be seen in the office of said Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
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(Aug. 1-3-1924)

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Office of the Board
212 Wysox Block
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Notice to Contractors and to the Public:

Notice is hereby given, to the public and to all contractors, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, in the State of Indiana, invites sealed proposals for the construction, in said City, according to the respective improvement resolutions below mentioned, and according to the plans, profiles, drawing and specification therefor on file in the office of said Board of each of the public improvements herein below described, to-wit:

I. R. No. 922-1922, For cement sidewalk on north side of Ninth street from Plum street to Hackley street.

I. R. No. 1167-1924, Paving alley between Walnut street and Mulberry street from Fifth street to Seventh street.

I. R. No. 1168-1924, Paving alley between Walnut Street and Mulberry Street from 13th Street to 14th Street.

I. R. No. 1169-1924, Cement sidewalk on north side of Thirteenth Street from High Street to Franklin Street.

Each bidder is also to file with the Board an affidavit that there has been no collusion in any way affecting said bid, according to the terms of Sec. 95, of the Act of March 6th, 1905.

All such proposals should be sealed, and must be deposited with said

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All such proposals should be sealed, and must be deposited with said Board before the hour of 7:30 o'clock in the evening of the 12th day of August, 1924, and each such proposal must be accompanied by a certified check payable to said City, for the sum equal to two and one-half per cent. (21-2 per cent) of City Civil Engineer's estimate which shall be forfeited to said City as liquidated damages, if the bidder depositing the same shall fail duly and promptly to execute the required contract and bond, in case a contract shall be awarded him on such accompanying proposal.

Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Mary E. Anderson, Clerk.
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Said Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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THE KLAN DOG FIGHT.

A great deal of the time of the Delaware circuit court is taken up in arguing and deciding motions in a series of civil cases concerning the Ku Klux Klan.

At present the docket is cluttered with four of these cases. The first one filed was that of Mrs. Clarence Benadum, formerly Ohio organizer for the Kamelia.

Mrs. Benadum brought a slander suit against Daily Doodle Barr, the prize gold digger of the Klan, alleging that the notorious she-grafter charged her with stealing Klan funds.

Then the old Klan brought suit against the new Klan for the return of its stolen night gowns, three fiery crosses and Sergeant Finney's overalls.

The third suit was instituted against the Klan of the north, alias the independent Klan, alias Sam Bemenderfer, by the original band of disciples of Christianity and law and order, charging that the new bunch had eloped with the Klan bank roll, something over six thousand dollars.

This put it distinctly up to the new Klan to make a counter move, so the old Klan is attacked as a trust, doing business in violation of the Sherman act, or something of that kind, and demanding a return of a barrel or so of money that was collected and split up among the non-resident wizards and dragons.

Thus we have the illuminating spectacle, right here in Muncie, of a free for all Klan dog fight over the boodle that was taken away from several thousand easy marks, ten dollars at a time.

The mask of hypocrisy has been completely thrown aside and the greedy pack are tearing at each other's throats for the money that was contributed by suckers who need the money now to buy the necessities of life.

It hardly seems possible that the rank and file of the Klan will stand hitched any longer in Delaware county. As a matter of fact the membership has dwindled almost to the vanishing point. The Post-Democrat stands where it did two years ago when it warned the stampeding victims that they were being trimmed by a bunch of grafters, and it has been thoroughly vindicated as a true prophet.

We merely refer the klansmen and klanswomen of Delaware county to the charges and counter charges of the men and women who led the movement here. They are telling the truth about each other. When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues.

It's rather laughable, though, to see these high-binders going to court to establish the lawful ownership of stolen money.